tourism map of India on account of the Temple's grandeur, its exquisite sculptures, intricate carvings, one of highest foundations in India, and the grand Dussehra Celebration organised by the temple annually;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Development and promotion of places of tourist interests/spots is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, the Ministry of Trousm provides funds on the basis of project proposals received from the State Gvoernments every year for product/infrastructure development of tourist destinations/circuits.

In the current financial year, no project for development of Eco-Tourism and Adventure Tourism for Udupi District has been received. Howevr, the following proposals, which were complete as per guidelines, have been sanctioned to the State of Karnataka during the current year:

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Sanctioned amount
1.	Development of Eco-Tourism - Setting up of the Jungle Camps and Trails	322.21
2.	Development of Eco-sites at Talacauvery, Gopinatham, Bhagwai and Settanadi	380.26
3.	Integrated development of tourist circuit on Bijapur-Bidar-Gulbarga	640.97

(c) to (e) No, Sir. However, the Ministry of Toursim has prepared a 20-Year Perspective Plan for sustainable development of tourism in the States/Union Territory Administrations including the State of Karnataka.

Promotion of Health Tourism

604. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to promote Health Tourism in India;

(b) the details of these tourists; and their nationalities; and

(c) what steps have been taken to establish co-ordination among the Ministries of Health, Tourism and External Affairs?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The steps taken by the Government to promote medical tourism include promotion in overseas market through brochure, CDs, films and other publicity materials, introduction of new category of 'M'-Visa for medical treatment purposes to foreign tourists coming to India.

(b) The Ministry of Tourism does not collect separate information on medical tourist traffic to India.

(c) A Task Force headed by Secretary (Health & Family Welfare) and officials of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Tourism and experts in medical field has been constituted for promoting healthcare tourism in the country.

Security of Foreign Tourists

605. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to review the safety and security of foreign visitors in view of rise in number of rape and molestation cases across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government propose to direct the State Government to ensure their proper safety;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) to what extent the recent incidents of rape and molestation of foreign visitors have affected the growth of tourism in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. As such, the prevention of crime, including crimes against tourists, is the primary responsibility of State Governments/Union Territories. Following recent reports in the media regarding harassment and misbehaviour with tourists in India, the Ministry of Tourism discussed the isue of safety and security of tourists, amongst other issues, with Secretaries of Tourism of States/Union Territories, the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Defence. During this meeting the feasibility of deploying the ex-servicemen as Tourist Wardens in States and Union Territories was also discussed. It was emphasised that ensuring the safety and security tourists is of paramount importance and State Governments/Union Territories must ensure the same.

(e) The foreign tourist arrival for the month of January 2008 has shown an increase of 9.9% over the same period of 2007.

India's Share in Global Tourists Flow

606. DR. PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) India's share in Global tourist inflow and foreign exchange earnings;

(b) the number of foreign tourists who visited India, during the last three years, gender-wise;

(c) the details of criminal incidents against foreign women tourists, during 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, State-wise;

(d) the FIRs registered andtheir disposal;